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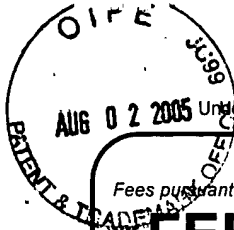
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
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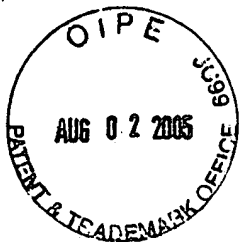
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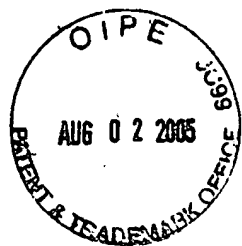
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The U.S. patents cited in this Information Disclosure

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Statement were brought to Applicant's attention by the examiner in co-pending U.S. application 10/105,978, filed 3/25/2002 in an office action dated July 20, 2005.

I believed that copies of these patents are not required to be submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of the present application because the present application conforms to the provisions set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.98, paragraphs (a)(2) (i) and (a)(2) (ii).

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus or method disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Also, the citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of the documents herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the documents is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

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in rejecting a claim in the present patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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